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Director
Office of Child Care
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To the Director of the Office of Child Care (OCC);

This letter describes how the Skokomish Indian Tribe plans to use the Child Care Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use the CRRSA funds in the following categories:

Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

The Skokomish Indian Tribe may use a portion of CRRSA Funds towards monthly Child Care payments for enrolled children of essential or frontline workers. The funds will be used as a last resort and families must provide proof of denial from other child care assistance programs before applying for such assistance.

Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

The Skokomish Indian Tribe will use a portion of the CRRSA Funds towards the implementation of virus mitigation policies and practices within its Child Care Center. Along with Child Care staff participating in required and recommended training and technical assistance activities, the following supplies will need to be purchased on a one-time and/or routine basis (please note that this list is not exhaustive and may change over time as COVID-19 health and safety information is updated):

- Disposable face masks for adults and children
- Disposable gloves
- Face shields for adults and children that cannot safely wear a face mask
- Disinfecting wipes and sprays
- Foot operated trash cans with lids
- Trash bags
- Floor markers to encourage physical distancing

- Hand soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Dish soap
- Paper towels
- Facial tissue
- Bleach
- Buckets for cleaning
- Spray bottles
- Sanitation services
- COVID-19 informational materials to post throughout our Child Care building
- Marketing materials to disseminate updated COVID-19 virus and vaccination information to staff and families
- Outdoor furniture and materials to increase children's time spent outdoors
- Increased utilities costs due to increased building and material cleaning and sanitation practices

Grants or Assistance to Stabilize Child Care Providers

Not at this time.

Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

Our CCDF program will be implementing a new certificate program, and we will be paying new eligible CCDF providers to provide care to our CCDF eligible children.

We, the Skokomish Indian Tribe, understand that although we are not required to submit report updates on how CRRSA Funds are used, a final use of funds will be collected through a separate report due by October 31, 2022, as well as existing CCDF reporting forms.

The Skokomish Indian Tribe will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

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